

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of May 29, 2008 is gratefully acknowledged.

The objection to the title of the invention is noted. A new title which adds a reference to a measuring tube has been added.

The objection to claims 11 - 20 and the rejection of claim 17 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite are noted. In reply, claims 11 - 15, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended to remove both the objection and the rejection under 35 USC 112.

Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) by Endo et al, and claims 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) by Endo et al.

These two rejections have been carefully considered and are respectfully traversed.

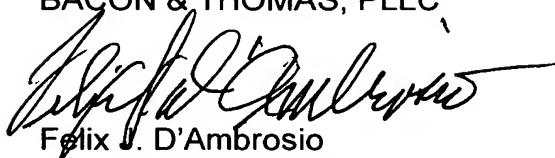
Endo et al discloses that the flow tube supported at near-to-end portions on respective rectangle leaf springs having a plane parallel to oscillating direction and extending in radial direction of the double tube portion being perpendicular to the oscillating direction within the outer housing (Abstract). Endo et al also discloses that the flow tube is supported at four stable points representing oscillating nodes, axially movable, which is the exact opposite of the present invention. Endo et al is absolutely silent with respect to an essential feature of the claimed invention, namely, whereby the spring element is arranged in the intermediate space in such a manner that it contacts both, its associated tube segment and also its associated end piece in such a manner that the spring element is subjected to radially acting, deformation forces and, as a result of elastic deformations accompanying same, is held pressed against the associated tube segment and the associated end piece. Endo et al suggests axially movable leaf springs for holding the flow tube, as such it teaches clearly away from the present invention.

In view of these differences, it is respectfully submitted, that Endo et al neither anticipates nor renders obvious the claimed invention as now presented.

Reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and claims 11 - 20 found allowable.

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